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SPONGE CAKE BY USING SAID PREMIX

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)**

In accordance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following reference which is listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and was cited in an official action dated July 28, 2003 in a corresponding Korean patent application. A copy of the reference is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, respectively.

1. Korean Patent Application Publication No. 2000-13097 published March 6, 2000 (Exhibit 1).

Applicant also directs the Examiner's attention to an official action dated July 28, 2003 in a corresponding Korean patent application, which is also listed on the Form PTO-1449 attached as Exhibit A. Copies of the July 28, 2003 Korean official action and English-language translation thereof, in connection with

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Korean patent application no. 10-2001-0024789, are attached as **Exhibit 2** hereto.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance, but on or before payment of the issue fee. A Notice of Allowance was issued September 17, 2003 in connection with the application. The issue fee is due December 17, 2003. Applicants have not yet paid the issue.

Applicant certifies, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The date of mailing of the Korean official action is July 28, 2003. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for filing an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) is ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00) and a check in that amount is enclosed.

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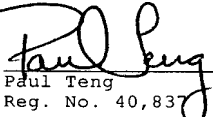
If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

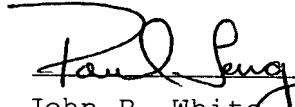
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Respectfully submitted,

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